

would be better for the future that they lay the matter down in black and white. It affects the future management of the House and it is a necessity. The present Ministry, acting free from pressure, will say exactly what he had said. The principle commends itself to their own common sense.

Mr. Kaulukou moved the resolution be indefinitely postponed.

Mr. Keau moved the previous question. Carried.

Mr. Cecil Brown said the reason he introduced the resolution was to save a repetition in the Legislature of a scene which in itself was rather disgusting. That was when four of His Majesty's Ministers decided by their own vote on their own capabilities of administering in this Kingdom. In previous Legislatures this had arisen, and it was better that the matter should be settled once for all.

Ayes and noes were called on indefinite postponement as follows:

Ayes—Gibson, Gulick, Kapena, Neumann, Parker, Bush, J. Mott Smith, Kaee, Walker, Macfarlane, Kaulukou, Keau, Lilikalanai, Baker, Amara, Kaula, Ahole, Kamakele, Gardner, Nahinu, Kaunamano, Palohau, Kupieha, Nakaleka and Kanoa. Total, 25.

Noes—Bishop, Walker, Dowsett, Judd, Widemann, J. H. S. Martin, F. Brown, C. Brown, Kalua, Richardson, Kanealii, W. O. Smith, Nawahi, Hitchcock, Kauwila, Kaneane, Pilipo, G. Brown, Dole and Rowell. Total, 20.

Mr. Nawahi offered a resolution asking whether the Minister of Finance had instructed the Tax Assessors to make the usual exemption of \$300.

Mr. Kapena said the instructions given to the Tax Assessors are posted inside their books.

The resolution was finally withdrawn.

The Minister of Finance, on suspension of the rules, read for the first time by its title a bill for the establishment and regulating of national banks. Ordered to be printed.

#### ORDER OF THE DAY.

Third reading of a bill granting a franchise to a gas company for the lighting of the City of Honolulu. Passed.

Third reading of an Act to repeal Section 1 of Chapter 90 of the Penal Code, relating to the construction of Statutes in English and Hawaiian.

Mr. Cecil Brown moved that it be indefinitely postponed. Carried.

Third reading of a bill relating to the power of sheriffs. Passed.

Consideration of a bill relating to currency.

Mr. Kalua moved this bill be made the special order of the day for Tuesday next. Carried.

The House adjourned at 4 P. M. until 10 A. M. on Monday.

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## THE PACIFIC COMMERCIAL ADVERTISER.

Tuesday, July 8, 1884.

#### A MEAN ATTACK.

In the interest of fair play and common decency—and there should be a little of both, even in a political fight—we protest against the attitude of the evening papers in regard to the reception tendered by the Minister of Foreign Affairs to Prince Oscar. Mr. Gibson, in the Cabinet, the object of legislative investigation, may be criticised as freely as those opposed to him in politics may choose, but Mr. Gibson, as Premier Minister of this Kingdom, inviting, in an official capacity, a foreign Prince to meet the representatives of their Governments and the people of these islands, should be secure from scurrility, out of respect to His Sovereign, and the office he holds. This was not to be so. The organs of the Opposition could not be generous enough to lose an opportunity of mixing politics in a matter with which they should have had no concern. The *Bulletin*, that anonymous mud-scoop, takes charge of the entire business, and not only says who ought to go, and who ought to stay away, but has the audacity to give Prince Oscar himself to understand what the citizens of Honolulu feel like doing for him. The citizens must feel proud of their mouthpiece—

this lofty negotiator between a Prince and his hosts. This gall is rare and wonderful, and it is a pity that like all the *Bulletin's* stuff, it is anonymous. The *Hawaiian* assumes a more decent tone, but it is afraid that some of the people who signed the petition may be tempted to drink the Minister's wine. Can it be possible that in the face of this desperate opposition the reception to the Prince will take place to-night? The Minister of Foreign Affairs had better send an apology to the Prince, and declare that, since the *Bulletin* and *Hawaiian* object to the reception the affair cannot possibly come off.

#### IN THE SULK.

If it should please His Majesty to comply with the wishes of the Opposition, if he should say to them, "gentlemen you are right, I have no doubt but another Ministry would much better manage the affairs of the country," who should take the place of the present Cabinet? What gentleman of the Opposition would step forth as a candidate for Minister Gibson's shoes? Who would take the Attorney-Generalship, and on whose shoulders would Kapena's mantle fall? Then indeed might we look forward to lively times. The patriots who made the longest speeches in the House, and who took the most active part in public meetings, would be entitled to crowd to the front, and crying "Behold it is we who have saved the country from a dangerous Cabinet, we demand that we be at once put in to prove how much differently we will do." We believe that His Majesty would turn a deaf ear to these deliverers, even were their supplications chanted to the choicest church music. His selections would in all probability come from outside sources, which would give the Opposition an entirely new grievance. In the beginning of this fight we were in full sympathy with them. We deprecated the intense personality of the campaign, but we respected the motives of many of the members of the anti-Ministerial party. We hoped that something good would come out of all this excitement, because there is always good in earnest healthy Opposition. But like many another good movement, it was spoiled by the rancor of a few malignants who worked not for a better condition of affairs, but for the gratification of their private malice. So far nothing has been effected to correct the abuses the report of the Finance Committee enumerated. The Department of the Minister of the Interior is we suppose as loosely conducted as it was five months ago, nor have we heard of any change having been made in the Auditor-General's system of book-keeping. The work of the Legislature has dragged most painfully since the vote on the anti-Ministerial resolution, as if the Opposition were in the sulks and had concluded to put in their time in obstruction and not do their duty towards their constituents and the country. If Mr. Gibson and his colleagues are not to be turned out to please them, they make a wry face, and declare they shan't work any more, that they are not well treated, and that they don't feel like going ahead with the business of the country. There should be an end to all this. Let them keep digging away at the Cabinet just as much as they please, but gentlemen do not allow this amusement to interfere with your sworn duties in this Assembly.

#### AN ILL-NATURED SNARL.

We observe that our good friends of the *Saturday Press* are not perfectly satisfied with the really very excellent and bountiful supper served at the Fourth of July ball. The exceedingly moral and severely temperate gentlemen of that journal probably failed to find among the many delicacies spread before them, their customary porringer of mutton stew, or plate of frugal fish-balls; but their real objection to the repast, they would have the sewing circle to which they belong understand, was that "a great deal of wine was served in opposition to the sense of the best American element of the community, and of a majority of those who contributed." The gentlemen, it seems to us, are somewhat indiscreet in thus challenging a comparison between the goodly number of Americans in this community who do not object

to a glass of wine on proper occasions, and those whose sniveling hypocrisy and fear of the public gutter constrain them to confine their indulgence to the privacy of their own closets. It is to be regretted that the publisher and editor of the *Press* were not consulted by the Fourth of July Committees of Arrangement. Their familiarity with the methods of civilization, and their many feminine virtues entitle their opinions to some weight, especially in matters relating to American respectability and manhood and the appointments of a Fourth of July lunch table. The advice of such authorities cannot well be disregarded; and it is essential that they should be satisfied in advance with the arrangements of all public lunch tables, in order that they may receive an indorsement of respectability from them, and that "best American element," of which they seem to be the major part. True, it may be said that the Fourth of July supper was not prepared especially for these two gentlemen; that among the guests of the evening, in addition to the officers of a Swedish and an Italian man-of-war, were His Majesty and the prominent officials of the Kingdom, and that cold water would have been a niggardly beverage in which to exchange the national courtesies of the occasion; and, finally, that wine, in accordance with the customs of all civilized nations, is an indispensable part of such entertainments, particularly when honored by distinguished guests, and cannot well be omitted without unpleasant comment. But these unimportant considerations should have no weight against the ripe judgment of the *Press*. Wine was there for the use of those who desired it, and to be let alone by the few who preferred lemonade or cold water. The gentlemen of the *Press* either got too much of it for the peace of their stomachs, or too little for the complete gratification of their appetites, and, therefore, either in an agony of cramps from a surfeit of the beverage, or a moral spasm from a compulsory and distasteful abstinence, they cry out against it in the name of the "best American element." Fie, neighbor! Stop sniveling. "Because thou art virtuous, shall there be no more cakes and ale?"

WEARY of cajoling His Majesty on the Ministry question, our evening contemporaries have thrown off all semblance of respect for the King of these islands, and discuss him with a contemptuous disrespect most improper, and most unbecoming. The *Bulletin* declares that the petition counter to the Opposition is Minister Gibson's and the King's, and the *Hawaiian* of last evening sneeringly remarks:

The King is said to be indifferent. Most men are when their wants are supplied and they are surrounded by present comfort.

This is the tone that has characterized these journals for weeks past, but the *Hawaiian* is usually more circumspect in speaking of His Majesty. The King is not to be disturbed by newspaper clamor coming from the ranks of a party which has shown little manliness in this contest. But these strangers who are the guests of this Government, and who are enjoying all the benefits of its hospitality, should not allow their personal animosity to lead them to sneer and snarl at the Sovereign of these generous Hawaiian people, and insinuate that he is not keenly alive at all times to their interests.

THE *Hawaiian* draws a melancholy picture. In the course of a lugubrious editorial last evening, wherein we were informed that the guavas, and gums, and pine-apples, and other fruits would cease to grow unless there was a change in the Ministry, or even if they did grow they would be of no use to anybody, our contemporary says that if the King throws the anti-Gibson petition in the waste basket he will see "the intelligence and worth of this community sitting silently waiting in anxious expectation of the first chance to fold their tents, and with a sad 'Aloha' take themselves, their fortunes and their families to another land, where comparatively honest Government and fair dealing prevail." Well of course it would be too bad, to lose the honest, well meaning gentlemen who have signed this petition, and we be-

lieve they have no intention of departing, but if the 800 Chinese who signed that petition were "to fold their tents, and with a sad 'Aloha' take themselves, their fortunes and their families to another land," we should give three ringing cheers for His Majesty's waste basket, and consider it just one of the biggest articles in the Palace furniture.

It seems odd that so large a quantity of fruit should be allowed to rot on the ground. There are mangoes enough within 5 acres of this island to keep a cannery engaged for three months. Pineapples too, seem to be going a begging for some one to put them up in tins and sell them at a profit to the epicures of the Coast. If some of those San Francisco gentlemen who claim that there is no opening in California for anyone holding less than \$50,000 capital, were to prospect these islands, raise produce for the home market, and can the surplus fruit for export, we imagine they would fall into a very profitable business.

A CORRESPONDENT writes "You mentioned yesterday in an article in your editorial page about people drinking in their closets. Does this exist?" We suppose it does, because when members high up in the church, and strong in their advocacy of temperance principles, appear on the street day after day with bleary eyes, and blushing noses, we cannot attribute this physical phenomena to ice water. We respect temperance people, and we wish for the good cause it were not the first cousin to hypocrisy, and those who are loudest in their denunciations of their neighbors, are nearly always those pharisees who keep the demijohn hidden under the bed.

A MEMBER of the Opposition who had been exhorted to employ the utmost vigilance in warning the people of the encroachments of the Ministry called out Wolfso often that the people became tired of him, and quietly told him he might take a back seat as he could not distinguish a Sheep from a Wolf and had too much yellow in his coat black eye. Which the member did, remarking as he fell into a reliving position in the rear seat, that "the country was going to the devil."

MORAL.—Thus we see it is not wise to choose for a Leader a man with a yellow eye.

The "glorious Fourth" was a most successful celebration, and the ball in the evening was a very enjoyable affair. The committees who had the matter in charge are to be congratulated on their able management.

#### HEALTH REPORT.

##### MORTUARY REPORT FOR JUNE, 1884.

The total number of deaths reported for the month of June was 39, distributed as follows:

|               |   |               |   |
|---------------|---|---------------|---|
| Under 1 year  | 6 | From 30 to 40 | 7 |
| From 1 to 5   | 3 | From 40 to 50 | 6 |
| From 5 to 10  | 3 | From 50 to 60 | 4 |
| From 10 to 20 | 3 | From 60 to 70 | 3 |
| From 20 to 30 | 3 | Over 70       | 2 |

|                   |    |                     |    |
|-------------------|----|---------------------|----|
| Males             | 20 | Females             | 19 |
| Hawaiians         | 28 | Great Britain       | 3  |
| Chinese           | 4  | United States       | 2  |
| Portuguese        | 1  | Other Nationalities | 1  |
| South Sea Islands | 0  |                     |    |

##### CAUSE OF DEATH.

|                  |   |                  |   |
|------------------|---|------------------|---|
| Asthma           | 1 | Disease of Brain | 2 |
| Beriberi         | 2 | Fever            | 2 |
| Consumption      | 7 | Old Age          | 1 |
| Group            | 2 | Paralysis        | 1 |
| Dysentery        | 1 | Syphilis         | 1 |
| Dropsy           | 1 | Scrophulous      | 1 |
| Debility         | 1 | Unknown          | 2 |
| Disease of heart | 3 |                  |   |

Total.....39  
Unattended.....13

##### COMPARATIVE MONTHLY MORTALITY.

|                           |                           |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| June, 1874, deaths.....20 | June, 1882, deaths.....28 |
| June, 1879, deaths.....61 | June, 1883, deaths.....44 |
| June, 1880, deaths.....40 | June, 1884, deaths.....39 |
| June, 1881, deaths.....53 |                           |

##### DEATHS BY WARDS FOR MONTH.

|        |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |    |
|--------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|
| Ward   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 |
| Deaths | 6 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1  | 1  | 1  | 1  |

Outside.....12.  
NOTE.—Five of the above were non-residents.  
JOHN H. BROWN,  
Agent Board of Health.

##### SICKNESS IN SCHOOLS.

##### DURING MONTH OF JUNE, 1884.

| SCHOOLS.    | SCHOLARS. | SICK. | PER CENTAGE OF SICKNESS. |
|-------------|-----------|-------|--------------------------|
| Fort St.    | 188       | 8     | 4.                       |
| Royal       | 325       | 5     | 1.55                     |
| Poinakala   | 123       | 0     |                          |
| St. Albans  | 66        | 2     | 3.                       |
| St. Louis   | 235       | 2     | 1.                       |
| Preparatory |           |       |                          |

Scholars absent three or more consecutive days on account of sickness, or alleged sickness, are reported sick.

#### SUPREME COURT—JULY TERM.

MONDAY, July 7th, 1884.

The Court opened at 10 a.m., Mr. Justice Austin on the Bench.

Rex vs Kaikiola. Assault and Battery. Appeal from Police Justice. Fine paid. Appeal withdrawn.

Rex vs Keau. Murder. Set for trial on Wednesday, July 9.

Rex vs Kalawala. Larceny. Set for trial on Thursday, July 10.

The following jury waived cases are set for trial to-day, July 8. Paakani vs Piihilani. Ejectment. Poi, et al vs Kaulana, et al. Ejectment.

The following cases for Foreign Jury are specially set for Monday, July 21st. A G Ellis vs G N Wilcox. Assumpsit. J W Hahn vs Kohala Sugar Co. Assumpsit. Akiakiona vs Kohala Sugar Co. Case.

Akuna vs Lokana. Banco case. Appeal withdrawn.

W H Halstead was sworn as interpreter for the term.

Hawaiian Jurors excused till Wednesday at 10 a.m.

Court adjourned at 10.55 a.m.

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